THE

ORDER OF

MY

LORD MAYOR,

The Aldermen, and the

SHERIFFES,

For their meetings and wearing of their Apparrel throughout the whole year.

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FINIS.

Upon Midſommer day, for the election of the Sheriffes of LONDON, &c.

MY L: Mayor and the Aldermen, with the Sheriffs meet at the Guildhal at eight of the clock in the morning, apparelled in their Violet Gowns lined, and their Cloakes of Scarlet lined, without their Horſes.

And when they have been together in the Councel Chamber a certain time, concerning the Nominatiõ of certain perſons to be Elected, my Lord and the Aldermen come out and put on their Cloaks in the Orphanes Court,

and then go down in order to the Hustings Court, and there being set. M. Recorder standeth up, and maketh his obeysance: first to my Lord, and then unto the Commons, and declareth unto them, wherfore they are assembled together, shewing unto them that it is for the election of one of the Sheriffs of London and the Sheriffe of Middlesex, for the yeare next ensuing, and the confirmation of the other Sheriffe, nominated by my Lord Mayor according to ancient custome: and also for master Chamberlaine, and other Officers.

But my Lord and the Aldermen go up to my Lords Court, & there remaine untill the Sheriffe be named and chosen, the doore shut to them.

Then M. Sheriffs, M. Chamberlain, Master Common Sergeant,

geant, Master Town-Clerk, and the Counsellors of the Citie and other Officers, remain still in the Hustings Court, to take and receive the Name of him that shall seem by their iudgments, freely and without consent, to be nominated and elected and iustly tried out, not onely by voyce, but also by hands, to be Sheriffe for the yeare following.

Then the commons go to the election of master Chamberlayn, the two Bridg-masters, the Auditors of the City, and Bridge-house accounts, and the Surveyers of Beer and Ale, according to the accustomed manner.

That done, the Sheriffs, Mr. Chamberlain, Mr. Common Sergeant, Mr. Town-Clerk, the counsellors of the City, the two Secondaries & the Wardens of the head Companies, Mr. Common

Cryer

Crier going before them with his Mace, carry up the report to my Lord and the Aldermen of their said election.

Which report received, my Lord and the Aldermen come down again to the Hustings Court, and there being set in order & placed, master Recorder standeth up as he did before, & maketh rehearsall of the names of those whom they have nominated & chosen, asking them whether it be their free election, yea or no. And they grant yea, yea. Then Mr. Recorder giveth them thanks, and so they arise and depart home.

But if Midsomer day falleth on the Lords day, then the election to be on Munday following.

On

On Bartholmew even for the Faire in Smithfield.

THe Aldermen meet my Lord & the Sheriffs at the Guild-hall, at two of the Clock after dinner, in their Violet Gowns lined, without cloakes, and their horses: then taking horse ride to Newgate, and so forth of the gate, entering into the cloth Fayr, and there make a proclamation: the proclamation being made, they ride through the cloth Faire, and so return back again through the Churchyard of great S. Bartholmews to Alderſgate, and so ride home again to the Lord Mayors house.

On

On Bartholomew day for wreſtling.

SO many Aldermen as do dine with my L. Mayor & the Sheriffs be apparelled in their ſcarlet Gowns lined, & after dinner their horſes be brought to them where they dine: and thoſe Aldermen which dine with the Sheriffs, ride with them to my Lords houſe to accompany him to the wreſtling. Then when the wreſtling is done, they take their horſes and ride back again through the Fair and ſo in at Alderſgate, and ſo home again to the ſaid Lord Mayors houſe.

The next day if it be not Sunday, for the ſhooting, as upon Bartholomew day: but if it be Sunday, the Munday following.

For

For our Lady in Southwark.

My Lord Mayor and the Sheriffs, ride to S. Magnus Church in their scarlet Gowns lyned, without their Cloaks, after dinner at ii. of the clock, and there the Aldermen meet my Lord, and they ride thorough the Fair, till they come unto S. Georges Church, and further to Newinton Bridge, or to S. Thomas of Waterings, to the stones that point out the Liberties of the City (if it be so their pleasures) and they return back again, unto the Bridge-house, & have a banquet there, and then over the Bridge, and there the Aldermen take their leave of my Lo. and depart the next way, every one to his house. And after all is done & my Lord brought home, my Lord Mayors Officers have

Embroydered cap, pearle sword, collier of Esses without whood.

a ſupper made them by the Bridgemaſters.

For the ſwearing of the Sheriffs upon Michalemaſs even.

If it fall in the weeke daies, ſo many of the Aldermen as be bidden to dinner to either of the Sheriffs come thither to Breakfaſt with 16 of their company, or elſe to drink, at eight of the clock in the Morning, in their violet Gowns furred, with their violet Cloakes furred, brought with them, without horſes: and if the Sheriffe be an Alderman, then they muſt put on their cloakes, & the Sheriffe likewiſe his cloake, and ſo go to the Guild-hall between two of the gray cloakes: and if the Sheriffe be no Alderman, then to come between two of the

Aldermen

Aldermen without cloakes, and the Sheriffe his Livery Gowne & his hood. And after when he is ſworn, then to put on his violet Gowne and Cloake, & his chain thereon: and the Aldermen muſt bring him home to his place, with their cloaks, to Dinner, and ſo after Dinner take their pleaſure.

But if Michalmas Eve falleth on the Lords day then the Sheriffs meete my Lord Maior and the Aldermen at the Guild hall after Sermon, in their violet gownes furred and cloakes furred with 16 of their companies meeting them at Guild-hall, and when they are ſwone on the Huſtings to put of their cloakes and to return home again privately in their Coaches.

Upon

Upon Michaelmas day, for the election of my Lord Mayor.

If it fall on the weeke dayes all the Aldermen meet my Lord and the Sheriffes at eight of the clock in the morning at Guildhall in their scarlet Gowns and their cloaks furr'd, and their horses: and after they have bin a certain time together in the counsel Chamber, they come forth into the Orphans Court, and put on their Cloakes, and so goe in order to the Chappell or Church to heare a Sermon, the Sermon being ended to return again into the Councel Chamber, & pausing a while, return to the place where the Hustings is kept: and being set in order, maister Recorder ariseth up, and maketh his obeysance first to my Lord, & after

ter to the Commons, and declareth unto them, that they of old custome know that the cause of their assembly and meeting together, is for the election of the Lord Mayor for the year ensuing: Declaring unto them divers Grants from the Kings Progenitors, for this their election from time to time. That done, my Lord and the Aldermen goe up into my Lords Court, & there tarry (the doore being shut to them) til the election be brought to them. Then standeth up Mr. Common Serieant (the Sheriffes standing on either side of him) and by the Sheriffes M. Chamberlain, M. Town-clerk, the two Secondaries, and the Councellors of the Citie, in the said Hustings Court before the Commons. And he the said common Serieant, maketh a short

hearſal of that Mr Recorder had ſpoken to them before, ſaying: There reſteth no more for him to ſay, but to put them in remembrance, in what order & ſort they ſhould uſe themſelves in their election: that is how they muſt nominate and chuſe two, of the which two my Lord and the Aldermen muſt confirm one: which two being nominated, elected & choſen, M. Common Serieant the Sheriffs, with the reſt before named, and certain of the head Wardens of the chief companies, go up to my Lord and the Aldermen, and there preſent the names of thoſe two which the Commons have nominated in their election.

Then the Lord Mayor and the Aldermen proceed by ſcrutiny to elect one of thoſe two perſons, which the ſaid Commons had be-

fore

fore nominated. Then commeth down my Lord again to the Hustings Court, and he whom they have chosen on his left hand, & so my Lord and the Aldermen sit down again in order: but he who is chosen, sitteth next unto my Lo. on his left hand. Then standeth M. Recorder up, and readeth unto them the names of such persons whom they have nōinated and chosen: of which my Lord and the Aldermen have elected one, whose name is N. asking thē whether it be their free Election, yea or no: And the commons answer Yea, yea: Then the Swordbearer taketh off his Tippet, and hath it for his labour, & putteth on his Chaine, and the Mayor new elected standeth upon the Hustings court, and giveth them thanks, &c. That being done, the old Mayor doth likewise give

them thanks, &c. Then they arise up, and put off their cloaks, & my Lord Mayor hath the Lord Elect riding with him to the eldest Sheriffs to dinner.

But if Michalemas day fall on the Lords day then the Lord Mayor to be chosen on Munday.

For presenting of my Lo. Elect to the L. Chancellor (or Keeper.)

Or Lord Keeper

Then after dinner, my Lord Elect goeth to my Lord Chancellour, if he be at home at his place, or near unto it, with five or six of the Aldermen, and Mr. Recorder with him, in their violet Gowns, either by foot or by water as the dwelling place of the Chancellour requireth. The common Hunt, with the extraordinary Officers, and those that be at liberty, attend on him.

The

The morrow after Michaelmas day, for the Sheriffes going to Westminster

ALl the Aldermen must be at the two Sheriffes houses in the morning at eight of the clock in their violet Gowns furred, without cloaks: and their horses, but my Lord, Mr. Recorder, and the two Sheriffes must be in their scarlet Gowns furred and their cloaks born to Westminster with them, and so ride to the Guild-hall, and from thence to the Vinetree, the Recorder riding next the Lord Mayor, and there taking Barge, land at Westminster-bridg, and in the Exchequer chamber put on their Cloaks, & so go up to the Exchequer: and there the two new Sheriffes be presented, and the old sworn to their account.

Then they put off their cloaks,

and take Barge lading again at the Tunetree, & there take Horse and my L. Mayor rideth to the eldest Sheriffs to dinner, master Recorder & the Sheriffes riding next my Lord, the two Sheriffs carrying two white rods in their hands.

But if the morrow after Michaelmas day falleth on the Lords day then the munday after.

The order for Simon and Judes day.
If it fall on the weeke dayes.

THe old Mayor shall have so many of the Aldermen as dine with him, come to his place at 8. of the clock in the morning, in their violet Gowns furred, with their violet Cloakes furred, and Horses, and the Sheriffes to fetch him to the Hall, and there tarrie in the Councell

Councell Chamber untill the the new Mayor commeth, and the reſt of the Aldermen come, with the company of either of the Lords before them: and after they have bin together a certain ſpace, come forth into the Orphans Court, and put on their furred cloakes, and go to the Huſtings Court: and there being ſet in order, the cõmon Crier maketh proclamation, cõmanding every man to keep ſilence.

Then maſter Towne Clerke giveth him his oath: and when he hath taken his oath, the old Lord ariſeth, and giveth the new Lord his place, the old Lord taking the new Lords place: and then Mr. Chamberlain delivereth firſt to him the Scepter, next the keyes of the common Seale, laſtly, the Seal of the office of the Maioralty, after, maſter Sword-bearer gi-

veth him the Sword. Then they arise and put off their cloakes, and the old Lord rideth home with the new Lord to his place, and there leaveth him, and as many of the Aldermen as dine with him. And the old Lord with the rest of the Aldermen, ride to his place, the Sword born before him, and so after dinner, the Aldermen depart home at their pleasure.

But if Simon and Judes day falleth on the Lords day then the new L. Maior, meeteth the old L. Maior, and the Aldermen at Guild-hall after sermon, in their violet gownes furred, with their violet cloakes furred, with 16 of each of their companies meeting them at Guild-hall, and when the L. Maior is sworne on the Hustings, and M. Chamberlain hath delivered to

him

him the Scepter, the Keyes of the common Seale, the seal of the Office of the Maioralty, and the Swordbearer hath deliveredhim the sword. Then they all arise & put off their cloakes, and the old Lord Maior goeth home with the new Lord Maior in his Coach to his house, his own Coach waiting on him, and leaveth the Mace with the new L. Maior, but the Sword goeth home with the old Lord Maior.

On the morrow after Simon and Judes day, for my Lord going to take his Oath at Westminster.

ALl the Aldermen & the Sheriffs come to my new Lord at eight of the clock in their scarlet Gowns furred, and their cloakes born with them, and their horses, and so ride to the Guild-hall, and the

A velvet whood. Cap of Maintenance.

the Batchellors & the Livery of my Lords Company before him.

But the old Lord rideth from his own place to the Hall alone, having no Officers to wait upon him, but the common Hunt, as a Gentleman Usher going, & those officers that be at liberty and the common Hunt his man, (with his own men following him) & so tarrieth at the Hall.

A Velvet whood for both the Mayors.

And after they be come all together, they take their horses, & ride to the Mimetree, and there take Barge to Westminster bridg.

And after they be landed, the Lord Maior and the Aldermen put on their cloaks within the Palace, and go round about the Hall, making obeysance in the Hall, and so go up to the Exchequer to be sworn. Then after the oath take in the Exchequer, they

come

com down again, & go first to the Upper Bench, then to the common Place, and so put off their cloaks and then take barge again: and being landed at Baynards Castle rideth to the Guild-Hall to dinner, & all the companies of this City with him: and at their comming into the Hall, the new Lord Maior with two of the ancient Aldermen, Mr. Recorder and the Sheriffs, goe up to my Lords table to bid them welcome, and likewise all the other guests there, and from thence to the Lady Maioresse Table, & so come out to the Gentlewomēs Table, & to the Judges, and so from thence my said new Lord Maior goeth into the Chamberlains Office, where he dineth, & the old Lord Maior at their first comming into the Hall, goeth up to the high Table in the Hust-

ings,

ings and there keepeth the State for that Feast. And after the Hall is almost served of the second, then the new Lord Mayor goeth, with master Recorder and those Aldermen that dine with him, to bid the old Lord and all the guests in the Hall welcome. Then after dinner take their pleasure.

Upon S. Thomas day.

If it be not Sunday. THe Lord Mayor and every Alderman is to sit in his Ward in his violet Gown and Cloake furred.

For Munday after Twelfth day.

MY Lord and the Aldermen meet at Guild-hall at viii. of the clock in the morning, in their scarlet Gowns furred, and their Cloakes furred, without Horse

Horſe to receive of their Wards their Indentures of the Ward-mote Inqueſt, and for the ſwearing of the Conſtables and Scavengers..

For Munday and Teuſday in Eaſter week.

ALl the Aldermen and Sheriffes come unto my Lords place before eight of the clock to break-faſt, in their ſcarlet Gowns furred, and their Cloaks and Horſes: and after break-faſt, take their Horſes, and ride to the Spittle, the bleucoate boyes and the Governors going before them, and there put on their Cloakes, and ſo ſit down in order to hear the Sermon, which done, ride homeward in order till they come to the four ſpoutes at Leaden-hall ſtreet end, and there

A whood for my L.

Cap of Maintenance.

there ſo many of the Aldermen as do dine with the Sheriffes take their leave of my Lord, and the reſt go home with him.

For Wedneſday in Eaſter week.

LIke as before in the other two days ſave that my Lord and the Aldermen muſt be in their violet gowns, and ſutable Cloakes but the Ladies in black.

For Whitſunday.

FOr whitſunday all the Aldermen meet my Lord and the Sheriffes at the new Churchyard in their ſcarlet Gowns lined, without cloakes, to hear the Sermon: which being ended, they depart.

For election of Knights and Burgesses of the Parliament.

ALl the Aldermen meet my Lord and the Sheriffes at Guildhall at nine of the clock, in their violet Gowns and their Cloaks, furred or lyned, as the time of the year when they shall be chosen requireth, and sitteth in the Hustings Court, while the Commons chuse them.

The Aldermen & the Commons to be warned by the Secondaries and not by the Officers of the L. Mayor.

If it be between May day and Michalemas, scarlet cloakes lined with Taffety, if between Michalemas and Mayday scarlet cloakes furred.

For the Lords of the Councell comming down for Subsidies.

FOr the Lords and Commissioners comming down to assesse the

the Subsidies, my L. Maior & the Aldermen weare their blacke gowns as at other times, and the Commissioners are to be warned by master Sheriffs officers.

For the election of Master Chamberlain and Bridge Masters, if any of them depart within the year.

My Lord and the Aldermen sit in the Hustings Court while they be chosen, in their Violet Gownes without their Cloakes, and do not remove untill the election be done.

The use of my Lords Cloak.

Beginning upon Michaelmas Even.

From Michaelmas to May-day, violet furred: and from May day to Michaelmas scarlet lined.

The Lord Maior and those Knights

knights that have borne the office of Maioralty ought to have their cloaks furred with gray Amis, & those Aldermen that have not been Maiors, are to have their cloaks furred with Calabre.

And likewise such as have been Mayors, are to have their cloaks lined with changeable Taffata, and the rest are to have them lined with green Taffata.

For the first day of every Quarter-Sessions.

THe first day of every Quarter Sessions in the forenoon only: my Lord and the Sheriffs wear their violet gowns and cloaks furred: but at Midsommer Quarter Sessions, the first day they wear violet gownes & scarlet cloaks, and on the other dayes black.

For the buriall of Aldermen.

THe Aldermen must be in their violet gowns, except such as have of their friends black gowns: When any Alderman dyeth, master Sword-bearer is to have a black gown or xxxiii. s. iiii. d. in money: and if he giveth my Lord a black gown, master Sword-bearer is to have another or xl: s. in money the price thereof, and so carry the sword in black before my Lord.

Master Chamberlain is not to wear his Tippet but when my L. Mayor or the Aldermen wear their scarlet or violet.

At the nomination of an Alderman.

FOr the nomination of an Alderman, my Lord weareth his black gown and violet cloak and both the Sheriffs black gowns.

For

For the Orphanes Court.

My Lord and the Aldermen meet at Guild-hall in their violet Gowns without cloakes, but my Lo. Mayor must have his cloake: this Court the Common Cryer warneth.

At the election of Governours at Christs Hospitall.

For the election of the Governours of the several Hospitals, the Lord Mayor and the Aldermen wear black gowns.

Mr. Chamberlain, Town Clerk, Common Sergeant, two Judges of the Sheriffes Court, the four Pleaders, the Secondaries, Under Chamberlain and Bridg-masters are to attend my

Lord at his house before his going abroad upon all festival times, and generall dayes.

Courts of Aldermen.

COurts of Aldermen in ordinary, are kept at the Guild hall every Tewsday and Thursday through the whole yeare, except holy-days, the month of August, until Bartholomew day be past, the week before Christmasse, Shrovetuesday, and the week before Easter.

For the Lord Mayor and the Alderdermen going to Christ Church on Stephens day: the first Lords day in Lent, and on Mathews day.

THe Lord Mayor and the Aldermen to be warned to those three meetings by the yeoman of the waterside, to be in their

their violet Gowns without their cloakes.

The use of the Sheriffs Chaine.

THe Sheriffe is to weare his Chaine over his Gown upon Michaelmas Even when he is sworn at Guild hall, and the day after Michaelmas day when hee goeth to be sworne at Westminster, and such other daies as the Maior weareth his Coller of Esses, and not otherwise.

The use of the Velvet Tippet.

ALl the Aldermen except the Maior and those that have passed the Chaire, & the two Sheriffs are to weare a black velvet tippet when they weare eyther Scarlet, violet, or black gownes.

FINIS.

The names of the ſeverall Companies *in their Order, that pay corne-mony.*

Mercers.
Grocers.
Drapers.
Fiſhmongers.
Goldſmiths.
Skinners.
Merchantaylors.
Haberdaſhers.
Salters,
Ironmongers.
Vinthers.
Clothworkers.
Dyers.
Brewers.
Leatherſellers.
Pewterers.
Barberſurgeons.
Cutlers.
Bakers.
Wax Chandlers.
Tallow Chandlers.
Armourers.
Girdlers.
Butchers.
Sadlers.
Carpenters.
Cordwayners.
Apothecaries.
Painterſtayners.
Curriers.
Maſons.
Plummers.
Inholders.
Fownders.
Poulters.
Cookes.
Coopers.
Tylers and bricklayers.
Bowyers.
Fletchers.
Black Smiths.
Joyners.
Weavers.
Woolmen.
Woodmongers.
Scriveners.
Fruterers.
Plaiſterers.
Stationers.
Imbroyderers.
Upholders.
Muſitians.
Turners.
Basketmakers.
Glaſiers.

Theſe doe not pay *Corne-mony*.

Farriers.
Lorymers.
Shipwrights.
Glovers.
Hatband-makers.
Comb-makers.
Spectacle-makers.
Felt-makers.
Horners.
Paviers.